

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) A method of presenting an antigenic peptide on the surface of a viable cancer cell, said method comprising:

contacting said cancer cell with said antigenic peptide and with a photosensitizing agent, wherein said peptide and said agent are each taken up into an intracellular membrane-restricted compartment of said cell;

irradiating said cell with light of a wavelength effective to activate the photosensitizing agent, such that the membrane of said intracellular compartment is disrupted, releasing said peptide into the cytosol of the cell, without killing the cell;

wherein, said released antigenic peptide, or a part thereof of sufficient size to generate a cytotoxic T cell response, is subsequently presented on the surface of said cell by a class I MHC molecule;

wherein presentation of the antigenic peptide, or part thereof, on the surface of said cell results in cytotoxic T cell mediated cell killing; and

wherein the photosensitizing agent is selected from the group consisting of a porphyrin, phthalocyanine and a chlorin.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the antigenic peptide is a vaccine antigen or vaccine component.

5-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the photosensitizing agent is meso-tetraphenylporphine with 4 sulfonate groups (TPPS₄), meso-tetraphenylporphine with 2 sulfonate groups on adjacent phenyl rings (TPPS_{2a}), or aluminum phthalocyanine with 2 sulfonate groups on adjacent phenyl rings (AlPcS_{2a}).

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the antigenic peptide and/or photosensitizing agent is bound to one or more targeting agents or carrier molecules.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said method is carried out *in vitro* or *in vivo*.

11-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Previously Presented) A method of presenting an antigenic peptide or a part thereof on the surface of a viable antigen presenting cell, said method comprising:

contacting said cell with the antigenic peptide and with a photosensitizing agent, wherein said peptide and said agent are each taken up into an intracellular membrane-restricted compartment of said cell;

irradiating said cell with light of a wavelength effective to activate the photosensitizing agent, such that the membrane of said intracellular compartment is disrupted, releasing said peptide into the cytosol of the cell, without killing the cell;

wherein, said released peptide, or a part thereof of sufficient size to generate an immune response, is subsequently presented on the surface of said cell by a class I or II MHC molecule;

wherein presentation of the peptide, or part thereof, on the surface of said cell results in stimulation of an immune response; and

wherein the photosensitizing agent is selected from the group consisting of a meso-tetraphenylporphine with 4 sulfonate groups (TPPS₄), meso-tetraphenylporphine

with 2 sulfonate groups on adjacent phenyl rings (TPPS_{2a}), or aluminum phthalocyanine with 2 sulfonate groups on adjacent phenyl rings (AlPcS_{2a}).

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the antigen presenting cell is selected from the group consisting of a lymphocyte, dendritic cell, macrophage and cancer cell.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the antigenic peptide and/or photosensitizing agent is bound to one or more targeting agents or carrier molecules.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said method is carried out *in vitro* or *in vivo*.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein at least 90% of the cells are not killed.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein at least 95% of the cells are not killed.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the photosensitizing agent is a sulfonated tetraphenylporphine, a disulfonated aluminum phthalocyanine or a tetrasulfonated aluminum phthalocyanine.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said contacting and said irradiating steps are carried out *ex vivo*.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising administering the cells to a mammal after said irradiating step.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said contacting and said irradiating steps are carried out *ex vivo*.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising administering the cells to a mammal after said irradiating step.
35. (**New**) The method of claim 24, wherein the peptide is 8 to 75 amino acids in length.
36. (**New**) The method of claim 2, wherein the peptide is 8 to 75 amino acids in length.